The following is a Letter ſent by Dr. TATHAM to the STEWARDS of the ANNIVERSARY of the Revolution in France, to be holden on the 14th of July.

GENTLEMEN,

THIS Morning's Poſt brought me a printed Letter directed *Dr. Edward Tatham, Oxford*, inviting me, among other Friends of Liberty in England, to celebrate the *ſecond* Anniverſary of the late Revolution in France. As the Epithet *glorious* is therein applied to that Revolution, I cannot but conſtrue the Invitation into a Compliment, which it may be ſuppoſed I ſhall eſteem an Honour to accept. I think quite otherwiſe; and, inſtead of my perſonal Attendance at the Anniverſary, I have to requeſt that you will do me the real Honour to let this Letter be my only Repreſentative.

It is with deep Concern that I ſee ſo many of my Fellow-Citizens, who are Engliſhmen, the Friends and Abettors of a Revolution, with which ye have no Concern, and which, both in its Principles and Execution, I deem *inglorious*. Ye miſtake, Gentlemen (I addreſs myſelf to all who attend the Anniverſary) upon a great political Subject; which Miſtake may involve in its Conſequences much public and private Evil. Ye miſtake, Gentlemen, the general Effect of that Revolution, when ye ſay, that *it is eſſential to promote the general Happineſs of Europe*; for ye are yourſelves an Example of its Operation in diſturbing the Peace and Tranquility of England. Ye miſtake, Gentlemen, in your Opinion of *the Liberty and Happineſs of the World*, which ye form upon a Baſis, which has itſelf no Foundation in that World. Ye miſtake, Gentlemen, in the whole Syſtem of your *Politics*, which is only viſionary and hypothetical, erected on Principles which in Truth have no Exiſtence. Ye miſtake, Gentlemen, when ye call yourſelves *the Friends of Liberty in England*; whilſt, in commemorating, as a Subject of Exultation, ſuch a Revolution as that of France, ye more than indirectly inſinuate, that ye wiſh England to follow its Example. Ye miſtake, Gentlemen, in the very *Object of your Meeting*, when ye ſay that it is to celebrate *the Overthrow of Deſpotiſm, and the Eſtabliſhment of a religious Liberty in France*; or, ye prevaricate, for it is, indeed, too plain that your Object is to affect the *public Affairs, and the local Concerns of this Country*, which your Declaration to the contrary only makes more plain. Ye miſtake ſurely, Gentlemen, in the Subject of your Exultation; for, as Engliſhmen, if ye wanted a Subject of political Congratulation, the late Revolution in Poland, which ye do not notice, was effected without Blood, and conſtructed after the Model of the Britiſh Conſtitution. Ye miſtake, Gentlemen, *altogether*, and ye are inconſiſtent in your Miſtakes; formerly (not more than three Years ago) ye celebrated the Revolution of 1688, as moſt glorious; though ye then miſtook it: Now ye are celebrating that of France as much more glorious, becauſe it is formed on different, but more licentious Principles. And finally, Gentlemen, ye miſtake, ye *totally* miſtake, if any of you ſuppoſe, that my political Principles and Sentiments accord with yours; for, Gentlemen, I muſt take the Liberty to obſerve, that I muſt forget all the Information which the whole of my Reading has afforded me, and renounce all the Feelings which, as an Engliſhman, I have been taught to cheriſh, before I can look upon your Principles and Sentiments with any other Affection than Contempt.

In addition to all theſe *ſpeculative* Miſtakes, give me Leave, Gentlemen, to inform you of one *practical* Error which ye are now committing; for your Anniverſary is itſelf an *illegal* and *unconſtitutional* Act.

I remain, Gentlemen, with deep Concern for your Deluſion, your Friend and Fellow-Citizen,

EDWARD TATHAM.

Bodleian, Oxford, June 23, 1791.